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Final performance report of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone

Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

1. The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions has considered the final performance report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone (UNAMSIL) (A/63/681), the mandate of which expired on 31 December 2005 in accordance with Security Council resolution 1610 (2005).

2. The report includes information on the assets, outstanding liabilities and fund balance as at 30 June 2008 in respect of UNAMSIL as well as the United Nations Observer Mission in Sierra Leone (UNOMSIL). UNOMSIL was established by the Security Council on 13 July 1998 (see Security Council resolution 1181 (1998)) and terminated immediately upon the establishment of UNAMSIL on 22 October 1999 (see Security Council resolution 1245 (1999)).

3. As indicated in paragraphs 5 and 6 of the report, liquidation activities for UNAMSIL were carried out from 1 January to 30 June 2006 and information on the final disposition of the assets of UNAMSIL was provided in the report of the Secretary-General dated 20 March 2008 (A/62/756). The General Assembly took note of that report in its resolution 62/266. The related report of the Advisory Committee was contained in document A/62/781/Add.4.

4. A summary of the income, expenditure and fund balance for the period from the inception of the Mission on 13 July 1998 to 30 June 2008, the end of the liquidation period, is provided in the report of the Secretary-General (A/63/681, table 1). The Advisory Committee notes that an unencumbered balance of $441,729,000 was reported by UNOMSIL and UNAMSIL, while credits returned to Member States amounted to $419,332,000. As at 30 June 2008, the fund balance

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amounted to $22,397,000, including $15,149,000 in cash available and $7,248,000 in uncollected assessments and other receivables.

5. Upon enquiry, the Advisory Committee was informed that any further information on the financial position of UNAMSIL, including information on the collection of assessments and other receivables, would be provided to the General Assembly in the context of the Secretary-General's report on closed peacekeeping missions. The special UNAMSIL account will remain open until uncollected assessments and other receivables are received, unless another decision is taken by the Assembly. **The Advisory Committee requests the Secretary-General to provide an update on the status of the collection of assessments and other receivables to the Assembly at the time of its consideration of this item.**

6. The Secretary-General proposes that the cash balance of $15,149,000 available in the UNAMSIL special account as at 30 June 2008 be credited to Member States. **The Advisory Committee recommends that the General Assembly accept the proposal of the Secretary-General.**